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FOLLOWING REPEAT BANGUI 1930 ACTION SECSTATE
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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGUI 1930

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CT

SUBJ: CAE INTERNAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED MFA CIRCULAR DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED AUGUST 18 DECLARING THE REGION DE BOUAR A MILITARY ZONE OFF LIMITS TO "ALL DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO CAE". NOTE SPECIFIES, HOWEVER, THAT THE MAIN HIGHWAY CONNECTING BANGUI WITH CAMEROONIAN BORDER WHICH PASSES THROUGH BOUAR REMAINS OPEN TO ALL PERSONS OTHER THAN DIPLOMATS. TO DATE NO RPT NO U.S.G. PERSONNEL OR PCVS HAVE HAD ANY PROBLEMS POST IS AWARE OF IN BOUAR AREA.

2. UNDP TECHNICAL EXPERT (AMERICAN NATIONAL) TRAVELLING TO BOUAR IN COURSE OF PROFESSIONAL DUTIES WAS TURNED BACK BY HIGHWAY GENDARMES WITHIN PAST WEEK. THIS OCCURRED APPARENTLY BECAUSE GENDARMES OBSERVED GREEN LICENSE PLATES ON UNDP VEHICLE (USED FOR DIPLOMATIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VEHICLES). UNDP CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING SORT OUT THIS MISUNDERSTANDING AND IS CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL BE RESOLVED.

3. TIMING OF DIPNOTE AND REPORTS FROM BANGUI DIPLOMATIC RUMOR MILL TIE BOUAR REGION RESTRICTION TO POTENTIAL MILITARY DEVELOPMENT AND UPGRADING OF EXISTING BASE AND AIRFIELD NEAR BOUAR. ALTHOUGH NO RPT NO CONSTRUCTION OR EXTRAORDINARY MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL HAS BEEN REPORTED BY THOSE CLOSE TO AREA, PCV'S

IN GENERAL AREA HAVE COMMENTED THAT SOME LOCAL NON-OFFICIAL
CAE RESIDENTS HAVE RECENTLY MADE REMARKS TO EFFECT THAT FRENCH
MILITARY WILL BE RETURNING IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO POST IS STATUS OF PCVS ABOUT TO BE
ASSIGNED TO AREA WITHIN CONTEXT ACCELERATED RURAL LEARNING
PROJECT. SOME PREVIOUS PCVS WERE ACTUALLY HOUSED ON BASE
ITSELF, ALTHOUGH THIS OBVIOUSLY APPEARS UNLIKELY FOR UPCOMING
ASSIGNMENTS. PC DIRECTOR HAS CALLED DIPNOTE TO ATTENTION
EDUCATION MINISTRY OFFICIALS, WHO WERE INITIALLY UNAWARE OF
BOUAR RESTRICTIONS, IN TERMS OF PCV ASSIGNMENTS, HOUSING AND
AVOIDANCE ANY TRAVEL DIFFICULTIES AS IN RECENT CASE OF UNDP
EXPERT. FYI, PCV'S WHO HAVE VEHICLES FOR PROFESSIONAL REASONS
IN CAE HAVE LICENSE TAGS SIMILAR TO THOSE USED BY UNDP NON-
DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL.

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